--A communication controller 204 controls data communication performed via communication port 205. The communication port 205 has been connected to the communication port of another device on the network 207 by a communication line 206. According to this embodiment, it is assumed that exchange of date among peripheral devices such as printers or scanners shared on the network is carried out via the communication controller 204. Further, though a network such as a LAN has been mentioned as the communication line 206, it goes without saying that the present invention is applicable even if the communication port 205 and communication line 206 connected to the communication controller 204 are constituted by an ordinary public telephone line.--

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Please amend the paragraphs from page 23, line 25 to page 25, line 2 as shown in the attached Appendix such that they read as follows:

--If the user places a mouse or other pointing-device cursor on a function-implementing tool icon for a fixed period of time at step S707, control proceeds to step S708, at which a tool-tip that includes settings information of this function is displayed in the proximity of the tool icon designated.

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Fig. 9 is a diagram showing a tool-tip display according to this embodiment. Here it is assumed that the content displayed by this tool-tip displays some or all of the management information of each function shown in Fig. 6. In the example depicted in Fig. 9, a tool-tip 903 is displayed in the proximity of tool icon 901 (e.g., function 2 in Fig. 6) if a pointing-device cursor 902 is placed on the tool icon 901 for a fixed period of time.

An example of the content displayed in tool-tip 903 is "NETWORK NAME OF IMAGE INPUT DEVICE" (609), "INFORMATION CONCERNING CONNECTION-DESTINATION SERVER OF PERIPHERAL DEVICE 1" (608), "NETWORK NAME OF OUTPUT DEVICE" (611), and "INFORMATION CONCERNING CONNECTION-DESTINATION SERVER OF PERIPHERAL DEVICE 2" (610).

Thus, in accordance with this embodiment, function-by-function settings information of various peripheral devices, which information has been set in a client apparatus in a network system composed of an image input server and a client on a network, is displayed in the form of tool-tips. As a result, settings information of various peripheral devices set on a per-function basis can readily be displayed without displaying various setting screens.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 7 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please add new Claims 16 to 21 as shown below and please amend Claims 1, 3 to 6, 8 to 11 and 13 to 15 and as shown in the attached Appendix. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Amended) A network terminal apparatus comprising:

management means for managing settings for each of a plurality of functions, wherein the settings information indicates an identifier of each function and one or a plurality of peripheral devices for implementing each function;